

Saving the Base, Securing Our Future

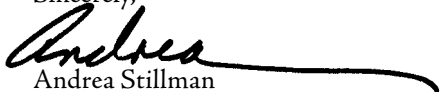
Dear Friends,

The importance of the New London Submarine Base to Connecticut's economy and to our national security is clear. That's why I continue to fight to keep the base open. As a state senator who represents Southeastern Connecticut, I have been working to ensure the state coordinates an effective response to the suggested closure.

As a local businesswoman and resident, I know how closely our future is linked to the outcome of this important decision. The base accounts for \$3.3 billion of economic activity and tens of thousands of jobs in Connecticut.

This is serious work that must be accomplished within a tight time frame. As a member of the local coalition that has been preparing to save the base, I can tell you that we are ready to make our case. While I do not know what decision the BRAC Commission will make, I do know that they will clearly understand that the State of Connecticut firmly supports the continued operation of the submarine base.

Sincerely,


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CITIZEN SUPPORT IS ENCOURAGED

The members of the BRAC Commission must hear from area residents about the importance of the submarine base to our state. To share your comments with the BRAC Commission, please write to the following address. You may also visit the BRAC Commission Web site at: www.brac.gov.

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YOUR STATE SENATOR **ANDREA STILLMAN**

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The inclusion of the New London Submarine Base on the Pentagon's list of recommended closings was unwelcome news to Connecticut's leaders and residents. The impact of this closure—if it should come to pass—would be devastating in terms of compromised national security, a deflated regional economy, and thousands upon thousands of disrupted personal and family lives. It is estimated that over 30,000 jobs depend on the continued presence of the base.

Fortunately, the Subbase Realignment Coalition—an organization of committed local leaders—has been carefully preparing for months to make a powerful case for saving the base. I have been proud to work alongside local business leaders, municipal leaders from the area, other state and federal officials and local residents as a member of the coalition to challenge this recommendation and make a very strong argument for rejection and reversal of any decision to close the facility.

IMPORTANT DATES: On **July 6**, the Base Realignment and Closure Commission holds its Northeast regional public hearings in Boston as it considers the Secretary of Defense's recommendations.

After considering the recommendations, the BRAC Commission will forward its report and recommendations to the President of the United States on or by **September 8, 2005**.

If the President accepts the recommendations, the United States Congress will have **45 days** to either reject the recommendations in their entirety or allow them to become binding.



**WORKING HARD TO SAVE THE
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